

It's Easier to Break Out Than to Break In to Any Game Played

MURPHY SAYS DEAL FOR SWEENEY AND PURDUE IS LEGAL

Boston Players Must Play with Cubs or Not at All, According to Chicago National Magnate.

HE ORDERS THEM TO REPORT

Telegraphs Them to Join Team on Monday to Go to Tampa.

WILL SUE BAN JOHNSON

Papers to Be Filed Alleging Slander and Conspiracy.

AMERICAN MAGNATE TALKS

Says He Said Nothing About Murphy Except in American Meeting and Is Sorry Cub President Did Not Hear It.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Sweeney and Purdue will play with the Chicago Cubs or they will play nowhere, declared Charles W. Murphy in his office today. "I have the complete formal papers concluding the deal in my desk, signed by Mr. Gaffney, president of the Boston club and myself. Mr. Tener has no more to do with the matter than has my bootblack and no man and no organization of men shall be permitted to interfere in this deal."

Murphy said that telegrams had been sent to Sweeney at Boston and Purdue at Gallatin, Tenn., ordering them to report in Chicago next Monday evening to go with the Cubs to Tampa for training.

Concerning his threats made yesterday to file suit against B. B. Johnson, president of the American league, on account of Johnson's alleged attack on Murphy, the Cub's president said that he had not changed his intention. "I did not file the suit today," he said, "because my lawyer is in Texas. But I shall file it as soon as I can consult with him. I will compel Johnson to cease his attacks on me. He seems determined to get me out of base ball."

"Don't make me laugh," said Murphy, when questioned as to the possibility of organized base ball putting on a new eight-club league next season in major league territory, as announced today by Johnson. "That idea is supremely ridiculous."

Another Major League.

President Johnson of the American league announced that a new eight-club league in major league territory is contemplated by organized base ball. Johnson returned today from the major league conference in New York and said that the project was set on foot by President Baker of the Philadelphia Nationals and that it is at present under consideration by the major league club owners.

Suggested formation of a new big league from a combination of Federal league clubs and a few major league clubs was ridiculed by Johnson, who said that the matter had been mentioned but never discussed seriously. "I won't say anything for publication about C. W. Murphy," declared Johnson. "I have not said anything about him for publication and I will not now reply to any remarks he may have made. What I had to say about Murphy I said to the club owners of the National league. I

State Billiard Tournery Starts Here Tomorrow

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The players who have already sent in their names are Albert Cahn, the present title holder, Harry Symes, Herb McCoy, Will Chambers and E. A. Scipio of this city; Captain Yeager of Chadron and George E. Mann of Lincoln. More entries are expected from the capital city and other Nebraska towns today.

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Matty an Embassy.

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NAP RUCKER WILL REPORT EARLY FOR TRAINING.



"Nap" Rucker, veteran southpaw of the Brooklyn Dodgers, will be one of the first big league twirlers to report for spring practice. Next week Rucker, who is spending his winter on his farm in Georgia, will report at Hot Springs, Ark., where he will undergo the boiling out process and then report to Manager Wilbert Robinson at the Augusta training camp on February 23. Edward Heulbach, Frank Allen, Pat Ragon, Tex Irwin and "Moonie" Miller will also take the baths with Rucker. The Dodgers' new manager evidently believe that the early bird catches the worm.

HIGH TAKES NEW COURAGE

Quintet Having Miserable Luck Gets New Hold on Game.

PIRATES LEAD COMMERCIALS

Benson Team Still at the Head of Commercial Basketball League. Standing of teams in the Commercial Basketball League: P. W. L. Pct. Benson's Pirates.....10 9 1 .903 Magee & Deemers.....7 5 1 .568 Alliance.....9 4 4 .556 Omaha High School.....7 4 2 .572 Bellevue College.....8 3 5 .276 Omaha National Bank.....7 3 4 .483 Bee Publishing Co.....5 0 5 .000

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FEDERALS INSIST CONTRACTS GOOD

Say Document is Fairer to Players Than That of Any Other League.

GIVES THEM AN EVEN BREAK

Reserve Clause Does Not Contain Any Hindering Effects.

GUARANTEE SALARY INCREASE

Pay of Player May Not Be Cut Until the Player Agrees to It.

NEW CLAUSE IS AGREED TO

At the instance of the Base Ball Players' Fraternity G. B. B. Agrees to Insert Clause to Benefit Players.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A comparison of the form of contract used by the Federal league and the one used by organized base ball shows that the Federal contract, despite the fact that it contains something akin to the much abused reserve clause, is far the fairer to the player of the two.

The organized contract, as regards the reserve clause, is peculiarly worded—worded in such a way as to entomb a player and place his entire future at the mercy of the magnate. It makes the player the property of the magnate for as long a time as the magnate desires, and in no way does it assure the player that if his contract is renewed he will get an increase in salary, nor does it even assure him his salary won't be cut.

In addition to this, the Federal league contract guarantees a player a salary increase of at least 5 per cent every time his contract is renewed and the club owner binds himself to pay the player his regular season's salary for every day he remains on the reserve list.

The organized base ball contract says: Clause 1. The club agrees to pay the player for the season of 1914, beginning on or about the day of ——— and ending on or about the day of ———, \$———, salary at the rate of \$——— for such season, and an additional sum at the rate of \$——— for such season, SAID ADDITIONAL SUM BEING IN CONSIDERATION OF THE OPTION HEREBY RESERVED TO THE CLUB IN CLAUSE 19 HEREOF, SAID ADDITIONAL SUM TO BE PAID WHETHER SAID OPTION IS EXERCISED OR NOT, MAKING THE TOTAL COMPENSATION TO THE PLAYER FOR THE SEASON HEREIN CONTRACTED FOR \$———.

Clause 19.—The player will, at the option of the club, enter into a contract for the succeeding season upon all the terms and conditions of this contract, save to clauses 1 and 19, and the salary to be paid the player in the event of such renewal shall be the same as the total compensation provided for in clause 1 hereof, unless he be increased or decreased by mutual consent. If a club feels that a player's services are worth \$4,000 a year it doesn't agree.

Cornhusker Basket Ball Five to Play Here on Tuesday

"Stub" Hancall, formerly quarterback on one of Nebraska's foot ball eleven and now manager of the Magee & Deemers basketball team of this city, has signed a contract to play his team against the University of Nebraska squad at the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium here Tuesday night. The Magee & Deemers squad is composed of a bunch of old Nebraska men who played on Cornhusker basket ball squads when they were in school and are experts at the floor game.

Leo Dick, Captain of Iowa Foot Ball Team, Resigns

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 14.—Leo Dick, captain-elect of the Iowa foot ball team, resigned today. The action caused surprise in athletic circles as he had just recently been declared eligible by the conference committee. Dick announced that he had decided to complete his school work and graduate next June.

SIDNEY HIGH LOWERS COLORS OF ALLIANCE FIVE

Western Nebraska League Standing: Sidney.....9 1 .909 Scott's Bluff.....8 1 .887 Alliance.....9 4 4 .556 Mitchell.....2 3 .400 Lodge Pole.....2 2 .222 Kimball.....1 1 .111

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—In a fast and spirited game of basket ball played last night between the Fairbury High school and Peru Normal girls' teams the latter team won by a margin of two points. The game was refereed by Miss Beulah Rader, a teacher in the Beatrice schools and formerly of Peru. Miss Rader achieved considerable fame as being the only woman base ball umpire in this part of Nebraska last summer.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—It seems strange that McGraw is unable to turn out a successful base ball manager. Iresnan, Bowserman, Dahler and Tenney having failed, it is up to Robinson, Herzog and McCormick to make good.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 15, 1914.

Coaches of Leading College Crews



Harry Vial, the young coach at the University of Wisconsin, has a fine lot of youngsters in his care and will undoubtedly make a good showing with them at Poughkeepsie next June. As usual, Charles ("Pa") Courtney is keeping silent up at Ithaca. Courtney has been coaching Cornell crews since 1881 and has turned out some record smashes. The four-mile eight-oared record as well as the two-mile four-oared and two-mile freshman eight records are held by Cornell crews. Of the last fourteen regattas at Poughkeepsie, Cornell has won ten, being beaten once by Pennsylvania and three times by Syracuse.

Harry Hicks Decides that Omaha is Good Old Town and Pa Feels Much Better

A large, hefty load was removed from the mind of Pa Rourke last week in Chicago when Mr. Lefty Hicks very peacefully and amicably signed one perfectly good Omaha contract, which stipulates that Mr. Hicks, as party of the second part, shall participate in the national pastime as played in the Western league at the direction of Mr. William A. Rourke, party of the first part. Likewise a load, identical in size and weight, was removed from the minds of Omaha fans when Pa promulgated the good news from the Windy City.

Track Meet by Telegraph

LINCOLN, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Track meets by telegraph is the latest wrinkle in athletics in which the University of Nebraska will play a part. Athletic Manager Guy E. Reed and Director of Athletics John Griffith of Drake university have arranged for a series of practice meets by wire, the first to start next Tuesday afternoon.

WESTERN SCHEDULE DRAFTED

League's Mileage Said to Have Been Reduced Considerably. CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Western league magnates, after a twenty-four-hour struggle, completed a draft of their playing schedule for the 1914 season that tonight apparently had satisfied all of them. The meeting then adjourned. The schedule is said to have reduced the league's mileage considerably and to have awarded Sunday and holiday dates in a manner generally satisfactory. The following opening and holiday dates were made public: Opening day, April 17, Denver at Lincoln; Wichita at Topeka; Sioux City at St. Joseph; Omaha at Des Moines. Decoration day, May 30, Lincoln at Denver; Topeka at St. Joseph; Wichita at Des Moines; Omaha at Sioux City. Fourth of July, Denver at Lincoln; Wichita at Topeka; Omaha at St. Joseph; Des Moines at Sioux City. Labor day, September 7, Topeka at Denver; Lincoln at Wichita; Sioux City at Des Moines; St. Joseph at Omaha.

GOPHERS RELUCTANT TO BATTLE NEBRASKA

Foxy Coach Williams Refuses to Sign Contract Calling for Contest at Lincoln.

STIEHM IS EQUALLY STUBBORN

Demands One Game in Three Years at Nebraska Capital.

MINNESOTA IGNORES LETTERS

Gopher Mentor Does Not Even Reply to Inquiries from Reed.

BASKET BALL CHANCES GOOD

Cornhusker Five, by Defeating Minnesota Twice, Has Opportunity to Establish Record Never Before Accomplished.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Each week makes a foot ball game between the Cornhuskers and Minnesota next year seem more uncertain. Relations are in a most chaotic state owing to the demand of the Gopher authorities that Nebraska play in Minneapolis under one-year contracts, while the Cornhusker management is equally insistent on a three-year contract, providing that the Gophers come to Lincoln once every three years. If the Gophers do intend to finally accede to Nebraska demands on the schedule contract, Foxy Dr. Williams is playing a swell game of bluff. The Gopher tutor has thus far completely ignored Nebraska, and has not even deigned to reply to the Cornhusker management's letters asking for information as to what the northerners intend to do.

Reed Thursday of this week sent a telegram to Minnesota asking for a definite reply as to what the Gophers intended to do, but no answer has been received. South Dakota comes along with the information that the strong Coyote institution has been offered the October date, which had previously been reserved for the Nebraska-October 17. South Dakota wants a game with the Cornhuskers badly, but there is little likelihood that it will be accommodated.

Have Formidable Schedule. Regardless of the Minnesota game the Cornhuskers already have a rather formidable schedule with Iowa at Iowa City, Ames at Lincoln, Kansas at Lincoln, the Michigan Aggies at Lincoln, the Kansas Aggies and the Wesleyan eleven as prospective early season games and one or two other strong schools on the string.

Manager Reed was in Minneapolis last week with the Cornhusker basket ball team when the Nebraskans handed two wallpings to the Gophers on their home floor. He said the sentiment reflected there among graduates and undergraduates was very much in favor of a continuance of foot ball relations between the two schools, but the athletic board apparently has not been listening very closely.

Whipple Remembers 'Nt. A former Omaha High school star and later a player on the University of Nebraska eleven in 1898, Otis G. Whipple, who has prospered since leaving school, left a \$10,000 bill with the athletic board to use in the promotion of athletics. Whipple

Logan Loses Two to Missouri Valley

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Missouri Valley High school basket ball teams defeated teams of Logan High school here last night. The score in the girls' game was 17 to 3. The score in the boys' game was 22 to 19. The latter game was closely contested and twenty minutes extra time was necessary to make the deciding score.

Keeler May Manage the Brooklyn Feds

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Willie Keeler's name was mentioned today wherever magnates of the new Federal league gathered as a possible choice for manager of the Brooklyn club of the new organization. No one could be found to verify the report, but it was said that an offer had been made the old-time Baltimore and New York player.

Lincoln High School Five Trimmed by York

YORK, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Lincoln High school basket ball team was defeated this evening by the York High, 28 to 17. The line up: LINCOLN: YORK: Lease, L. P. L. P., Trauer (G.) McRay, R. F. R. F., Conaway Hager, R. G. R. G., Davidson Morris, R. G. R. G., Osborn

SIOUX CITY ELKS ARE THE TOURNEY LEADERS

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 14.—The Sioux City Elks' club team was far in the lead for the Richards' trophy at the end of the first day's play of the Central Whist association. The tourney will end tomorrow. The clubs standing: Sioux City Elks' club won 1, lost 0; plus 15. Grand Island club won 1, lost 0; minus 15. Omaha won 1, lost 3, minus 2. Knights of Columbus, Sioux City, won 2, lost 1; plus 13. Elk Points, S. D., won 1/2, lost 2, minus 10. Council Bluffs won 3, lost 1, plus 12.

Basket Ball Games in Beatrice

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Three basket ball games were played in Beatrice today. The girls' team of Peru won from the Beatrice girls by the score of 27 to 14. The Seward team lost to the Beatrice Young Men's Christian association five by the score of 25 to 22, and the Northwest Business college boys won over the seniors of the Young Men's Christian association by the score of 14 to 2. The Beatrice High school basket ball team lost to the Lawrence, Kan., five by Lawrence Friday night by the score of 31 to 15.

Townsend Wins Easily. The Townsend Gun company basket ball team took the measure of the Saunders school team yesterday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium by the score of 17 to 5. Nicholson, Belkins and Crofton starred for the Townsends.